

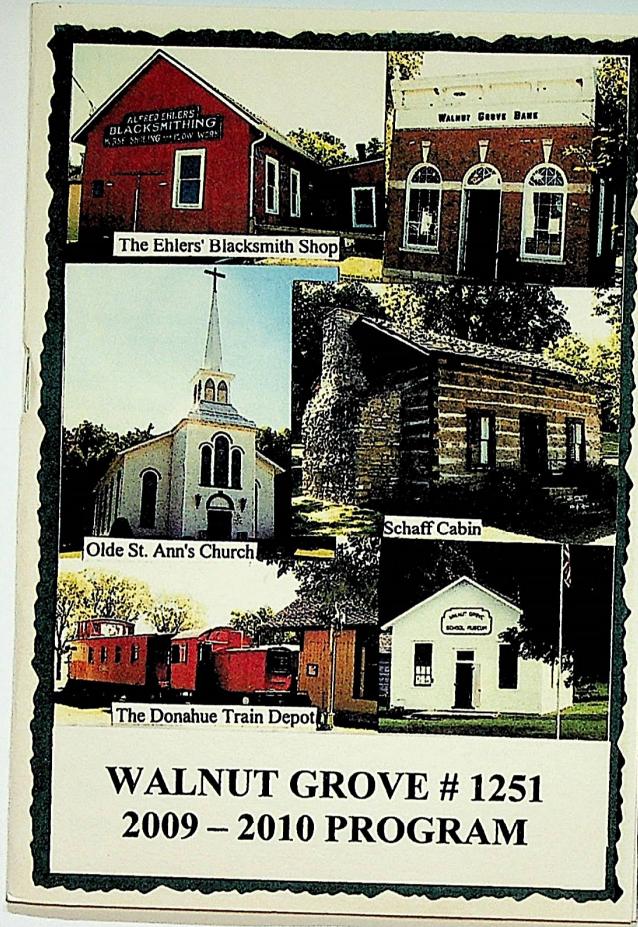
QUESTERS #1251

WALNUT GROVE 2009/2010

2010/2011



2011/2012



THE QUESTERS

October 11, 2009

Betty Spies
Walnut Grove #1251
24800 210th Avenue
Eldridge, IA 52748

Dear Betty,

Thank you for sending your Chapter Program Book to be reviewed by the 2nd Vice President. I enjoyed looking through your book and seeing what your Chapter is studying.

Your Program Book is neatly arranged and easy to read. I always enjoy reading "**What's in a Name**" from each chapter. Your story is interesting. I like that your cover design represents the name of your chapter. Your book is a nice size.

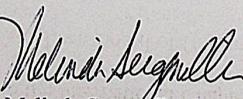
You have included all of the **Needed and Necessary items for Chapter Yearbooks** according to the International Chapter Handbook.

The Iowa Board of Questers approved a **Recognition Program** for Chapters to be recognized at Area Days for their Program Books. Recognition will be given for Program Covers, Content, Artwork, and Program Themes. **Your program book will receive an award for Cover Design and Content at SE Area Day in Davenport.**

Congratulations and keep up the good work.

The reason Program Books are mailed to the 2nd VP is so a list of **Program Topics** that are studied by Iowa Questers can be compiled and handed out at State Day. You have some interesting topics to add to the list.

Thank you again for sending your Program Book so your programs can be shared with **other** Iowa Questers. Your book will be displayed at all of the Area Days and at State Day, April 10, 2010 in Ft Dodge.


Melinda Seegmiller
2nd Vice President (Program Chairman),
Iowa State Questers

Certificate of Achievement

awarded to

Walnut Grove #1251

**Program Book
Cover Design and Content**

October 17, 2009

*Melinda Seegmiller, 2nd V.P.
Program Chairman*

Presenters

Duane Timm is the owner of Bassett and Vollum Wallpaper Company. He became acquainted with Bassett and Vollum when he toured the Galena home of one of the owners. He has reproduced wallpapers for historic buildings at the Henry Ford Museum, Living History Farms, as well as for Terrace Hill. His wallpaper was featured in Francesca's home in "The Bridges of Madison County." His collection includes about 250 patterns, all done by hand. He has personally recreated over 50 different designs.

John Gere is from SGGM Architects and Interior Designers. SGGM's body of work represents a wide variety of architectural and interior projects-new buildings, additions and remodeling. They focus on quality design and open communication with clients and associates in the construction community. The firm's history is traced back to 1871 when founded by F.G.Clausen and was among the first architectural firms in the Iowa and Illinois Quad-Cities.

Places to Visit

Dr. Herman G. Pape House, Circa 1908-1909
2326 Harrison Street, Davenport

Currently owned by Diane and Maurie Gomez.
(Information on blue sheet in packet.)

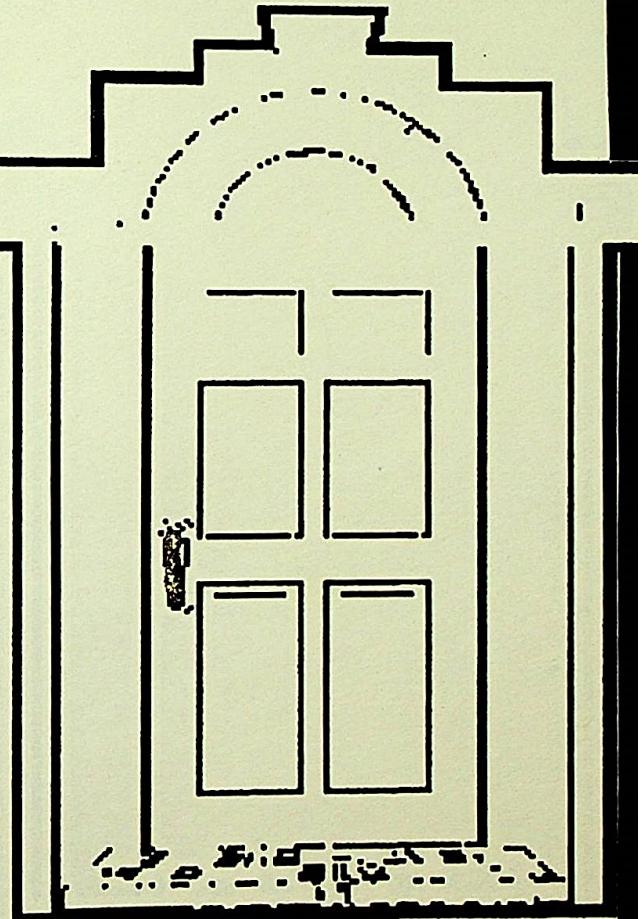
Cassius D. Hayward House
812 Bridge Avenue, Davenport
Currently owned by Carol and Marshall Daut
(Information on green sheet in packet.)

Vander Veer Park

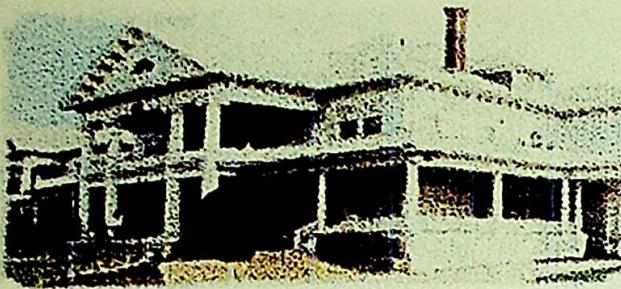
Directly across Brady Street. Drive north on Brady one block and turn left on Central Park Avenue. Park entrance is on the left.

Thank you for joining us today. We hope you enjoyed your visit to Davenport.

"Doors of the Past" S.E. Area Day October 17, 2009



Welcome
to the
Outing Club
Davenport, IA



The Outing Club

The Outing Club first opened its doors in 1891. Three men established this club where families could bring their children to dine, where adults, teens and young people could enjoy tennis and lawn bowling. The focus was on families during an era when children weren't allowed in restaurants. Dues at this time were \$10 a year. It was special to people far and wide. Generations have introduced daughters to society at debutante balls and garden parties. Weddings and other events are celebrated in the ballroom with dining and dancing. Its history spans more than 100 years of good times and financial challenges. The Outing Club was and still is a Camelot in the heart of Davenport.

Host Chapters
Duck Creek #570

(1972)

Eldridge Junction #1393
(2002)

Gleaners #387
(1969)

Illowa #581
(1972)

Phebe Sudlow #1352
(2000)

Welcome to the Outing Club Schedule of Events

8:15 - 9:00 A.M.Registration, coffee, tea, and sweets.

Time to visit displays, P/R, Treats/Treasures (All on second floor.)

9:00 A.M.Opening/welcome

9:15 -10:00 A.M.First Presentation
"Wallpapers of the Past, Made in the Present"
Duane Timm from Bassett and Vollum Wallpaper Company

10:15 -11:00 A.M.Second Presentation
"Opening Doors to Quad-City Architecture"
John Gere from SGGM Architects and Interior Designers

11:00 -11:30 A.M.Workshops
President/Parliamentarian, VP/Program,
Secretary/Treasurer and Grant Writer

11:30 -11:45 A.M.Break, Visit P/R,
Displays, Treats/Treasures

11:45 -1:00 P.M.Business Meeting,
Lunch, Door Prizes, Opportunity Baskets

We invite you to visit and enjoy the homes and park listed on the back of this program. Other brochures may be found in the registration bag.

Have a safe trip back home.



Fay Gish Hill

Iowa State Questers Past President - 2007-2009

5604 Thunder Road -- Ames, Iowa 50014

phone: 515-232-5307 e-mail: jhill@iastate.edu

Dear Betty,

Thank you for the effort you made to submit your vintage items to me for my President's Project. I couldn't believe it, but the Clothing Selection Committee of the Iowa State University Clothing and Textile Museum declined some of your gifts. The collection already had similar items.

You gave permission to sell your items on E-Bay if the University Museum did not accept it. E-Bay was found to be too costly and time consuming. A decision was made to have a silent auction at State Day in Muscatine in April. \$500 was raised and your items contributed to the success of the auction! The money was used to help purchase 8 Halstons plus a Halston hat, a Versace man's zoot suit, and a pair of gold go-go boots. The suit and boots were on the wish list of the museum.

The President's Clothing Project Committee processed approximately 340 items of which 119 were accepted with 107 items still being reviewed by the Clothing Selection Committee of the Museum. \$8258.87 was raised with donations, selling shirts, and auctions to purchase the above designer items for the museum. After becoming familiar with the vintage clothing market, I estimate the 119 items we gave the museum could bring a minimum of \$25 each, and some items would bring far more. This means Questers gave at least another \$3,000 in clothing. In addition to our purchases, one Halston coat was given to us by a Quester and another Halston runway model cocktail suit was given by a friend of Elaine Estes, past Iowa State Questers President. A cashmere Halston dress was purchased in memory of two Questers by the Wallace #1205 Chapter,

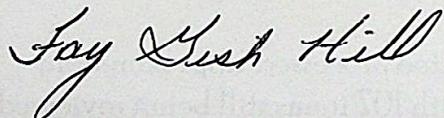
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and Ivy Ward donated a pair of Halston shoes. My goal was to make a significant contribution of interesting items to the museum, and this is exactly what Iowa Questers did.

From discussion with one of the museum coordinators, it sounds like they will be able to have either an all Halston or all Quester display when Iowa hosts International in 2016. Something to look forward to!

Thank you again for your effort of making a contribution. It is because efforts made by Questers like you in the state of Iowa that many historical items of import are preserved. This time we saved wonderful historical clothing.

Yours in Questing,



Fay Gish Hill,
Iowa State Questers Past President, 2007-2009

(the paper is for use with the President's Project of giving vintage clothing to Iowa State Museum of Textile and Clothing)

September 8th at 1:00 pm.
Hostess: Jo Mattke
Program: Figural Napkin Rings
Roll Call: Summer fun!

Notes

The North Scott Press (Eldridge, Iowa) Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11B

CLUB NEWS

Walnut Grove Questers #1251

Walnut Grove Questers #1251 met at the home of Jo Maetke on Sept. 8 at 1 p.m. After a delicious dessert lunch, "Summer Fun" roll call was answered by 10 members and one guest. Four members reported hours of volunteer work cleaning the Schaff cabin at the Dan Nagle Walnut Grove Pioneer Village for a total of eight. The secretary's report on the tour in June was tabled until next month. Bernice Meier's treasurer's report was accepted as read. President Sue Hill reviewed the summer newsletter from the state president, Sue Slight. Mailings from the state office will be less frequent as most things will be posted on the new Quester website. Betty Spies was appointed as the new computer correspondent. Sue reminded the members to be sure to send their reservations in for SE Area Day on Oct. 17 at the Historic Davenport Country Club. Everyone attending should bring something for the "Treats and Treasures Table." The next meeting will be at Carolyn Moon's on Oct. 13. Her program will be on "Stitchery Samplers." Carolyn moved the meeting be adjourned.

Hostess Jo Maetke introduced the guest speaker, Lois Brett, who gave a wonderful program on figural napkin rings that were popular during a 35-year period from 1885-1905.



October 13 at 1:00 pm
at
Bernice Meier's
Program: Dolls
Roll Call: Bring or tell about a favorite
doll.

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November 10th at 1:00 pm

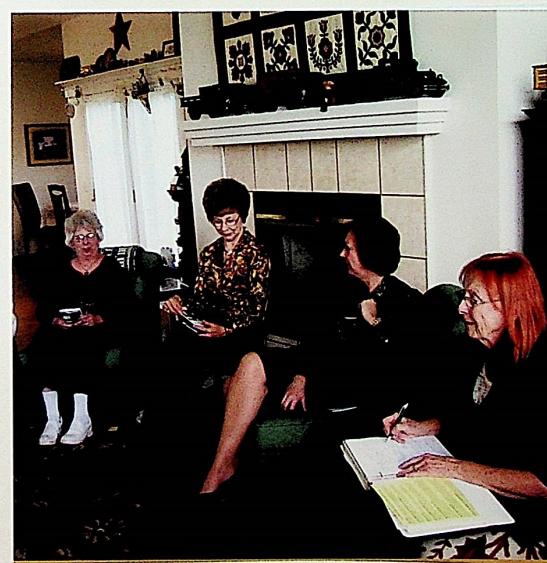
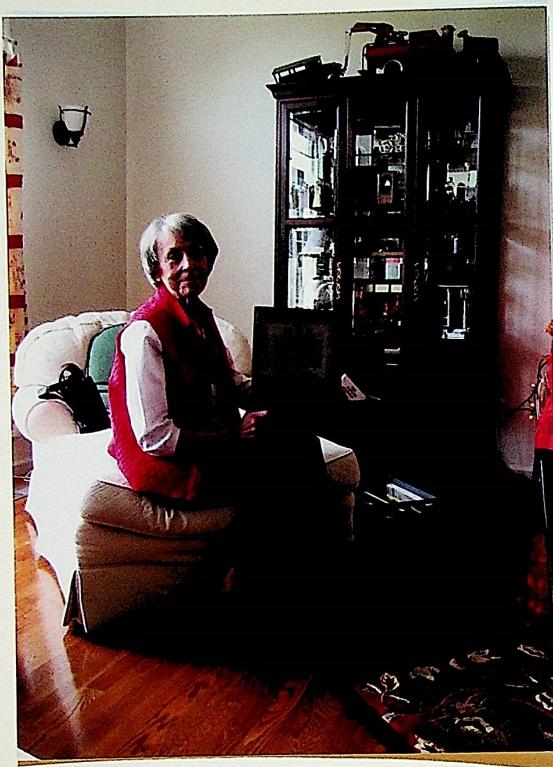
at

Carolyn Moon's

Program: Stitchery samples

Roll Call: Tell about or bring a stitchery item.

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11
January 12, 2010 at 1:00 pm
with Jeanne Willem's
as our hostess.
Program: "Rings on our Fingers"
Roll Call: Tell how you got your favorite ring.

Notes

The North Scott Press (Eldridge, Iowa) Wednesday, February 3, 2010 11B

CLUB NEWS

Walnut Grove Questers #1251

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 will meet with Kathy Winters on Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Village Inn on Brady Street, Davenport. They will learn about how "Charms of Childhood" became a tradition in many families. They were often mementos of events that occurred in family members' lives.

The January meeting for Walnut Grove was held at Faith Lutheran with Jeanne Willems as the hostess. Her presentation of "Rings On Our Fingers," was especially interesting. The members voted to send a \$25 support gift to the Quester Glass Exhibit at the Brunnier Art Museum in Ames. A discussion was held about visiting that museum at some future date.

The scheduled meeting for December with Vera Hansen was canceled due to bad weather; met later on Dec. 22 at the Village Inn, with Sue Hill as hostess. After dessert, she shared her collection of Christmas cards from the past and also told how they originated and became a tradition.

It's Tea Time!

You are invited to have tea with your hostess Betty Spies on **March 9, 2010 at 1:00 pm.**

Invite a friend and we will all learn about 'Lusterware' and tell about our childhood tea parties.

Notes

The North Scott Press (Eldridge, Iowa) Wednesday, March 31, 2010 **13A**

CLUB NEWS

Walnut Grove Questers #1251

The Walnut Grove Questers #1251 will meet with Fae Harvey on April 13 in her home at 1 p.m. She will tell the group about Waterford Crystal. All members are asked to bring a favorite crystal dish and tell how they received it.

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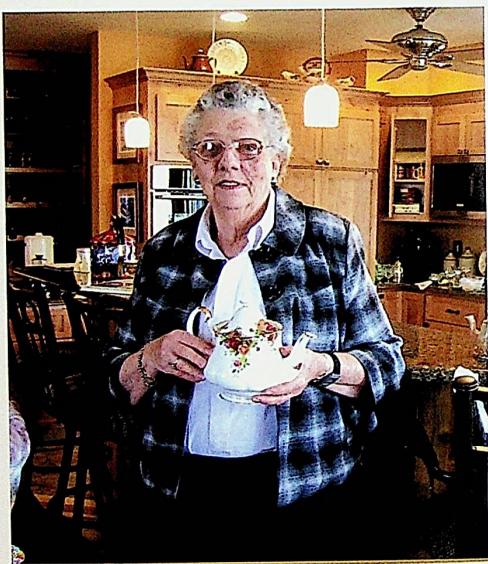
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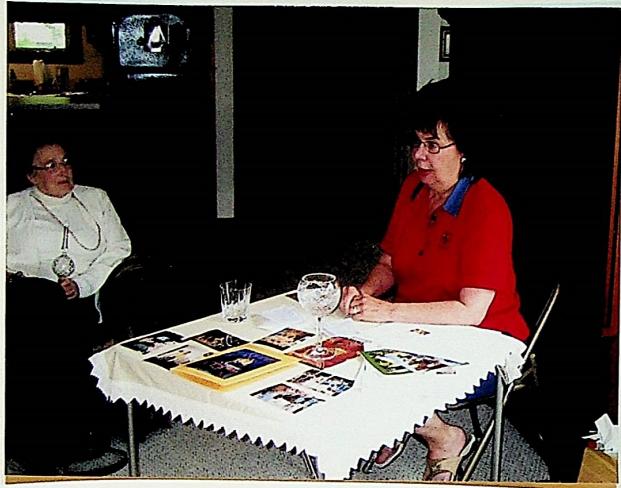






April 13, 2010 at 1:00 pm our hostess Fae Harvey will tell us about "Waterford Crystal". Share a favorite crystal dish and tell how you got it.

Notes



The North Scott Press (Eldridge, Iowa) Wednesday, June 9, 2010 9B

CLUB NEWS

Walnut Grove #1251

Lunch and shopping at the Historic Livermore Hotel in Aledo, Ill., will be the destination for the members of Walnut Grove #1251 on Tuesday, June 15. Members will meet at Hardee's in Eldridge and the parking lot of Alice Lenker at 10:30 a.m.

Fae Harvey was hostess of the Quester meeting on May 11. She gave a wonderful program on Waterford Crystal. Ten volunteer hours were reported by Shirley Cole, Jeanette Korthaus, Sue Hill and Bernice Meier for cleaning the Schaff Cabin at the Dan Nagle Walnut Grove Pioneer Village.

The 2010-2011 officers were elected and installed. They are: president, Alice Lenker; vice-president, Jeanne Willems; treasurer, Kathy Winters; secretary, Betty Spies; and historian, Carolyn Moon.

The next meeting will be Sept. 14 with Vera Hansen as the hostess.

May 11, 2010 at 1:00 pm.
Our hostess will be Susan Hill.
 She'll bring smiles to our faces with
"Ole' and Lena"
Uff Da! Yah Yah You Betcha!

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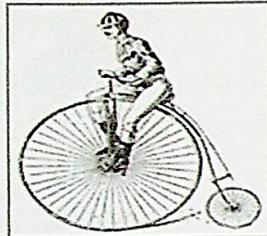
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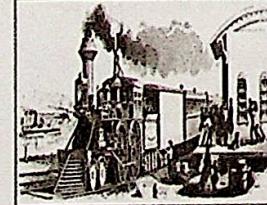
Raccoon Valley #981 of Adel, was honored and thrilled to receive an International Preservation and Restoration Grant at the International Convention in Phoenix, Arizona in May. They were the only Iowa chapter to receive a grant in 2010. International Grants are awarded in even numbered years and 26 chapters received a total amount of \$97,297.71.

The \$1,007 grant will help acquire a 1905 Kellogg 20 line switchboard and other early telephone equipment for a telephone exhibit at the Adel Historical Museum. This switchboard represents the type of telephone equipment Adel had in the early 1900's.



Raccoon Valley #981 presented the 1905 Kellogg switchboard to the Adel Historical Museum on June 3, 2010. Members present included back L: Naomi Maahs, Adella Nelson, Berniece Wallace, Gina Charlet, Sonya Ferguson, Bonita Baughman, Marilyn Smith & Ann Sturgeon Kreager. front L: Joanne Lienemann & Mary Snow.

October 23



2010 Program Year Book Awards

During the International Convention in Arizona, three Iowa chapters were recognized for their excellent year books. A Creativity award was presented to Dragoon #426 of Fort Dodge along with an Honorable Mention Creativity award to Martha Washington #1032 of Washington. P.I.A. #1002 of Ida Grove tied for the Best of Show award.

PRESERVING THE PAST STATE DAY 2011

The Grout Museum District in Waterloo offers five distinct museums where we can discover our past, present and future. We will do that at the President's Reception on April 8, and again at State Day on April 9. Two elegant homes in the district are the Snowden House and the Rensselaer Russell House Museum. Come spend the day with Iowa Questers and learn about period homes and properties in the Waterloo community.

TERRACE HILL HOLIDAY COFFEE and TEA

On Tuesday, December 7, 2010, all Iowa Questers are invited to the Questers Terrace Hill Holiday Coffee and Tea at 2300 Grand Avenue in Des Moines. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the morning session and Tea will be served at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon. A collection of green pressed glass will be featured at this year's celebration. Come see the decorated Questers Christmas Tree and our recent gift to Terrace Hill, the Feather Tree. Remember to do some of your holiday shopping at the Terrace Hill Carriage Gift shop before heading home. Chapter Presidents will be receiving more specific information and registration forms in a fall mailing.



HAWKEYE TALES

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BOARD NEWS**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

By: Fay Gish Hill,
Chair



REMEMBER how much fun it was in the past when you tried on a new hat? You are invited to try on a new hat in your life and become a State officer for the Iowa Questers. The vacant positions include: President, First Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. To be considered for First Vice President or

President, you need to be elected and serve on the State Board as an officer or appointed as a Committee Chair.

It's true that work is involved in being on the State Board, but often after attending Area Days or State Day, someone on the Board knows of or has heard about a great antique shop to go visit. This is when we share the knowledge about all types of antiques. Sometimes part of the

fun in these shops is trying on hats, and trying to figure out which era they came from. Join the Board, share the fun and maybe find a new hat, both as a new Board member and an actual vintage hat to wear to your next Quester event.

The Credentials Form and Nomination Form can be downloaded from the Iowa Questers web site. Please send your completed forms to the current Nominating Chair before November 15, 2010.

Fay Gish Hill, 5604 Thunder Road, Ames, IA 50014



Past Iowa Questers State and International Presidents attending State Day 2010 in Fort Dodge. L to R: Elaine Estes, Vicki Baker, Fay Gish Hill, Nola Edwards, Ardis Anderson, (International President), Virginia Kelly and Cherry Sparks (State and International President.)

MEMBERSHIP

Lee Hamill
1st Vice President

What is Questers?

Have you ever been asked this question? Our organization has been a "Best Kept Secret" for many years. This must change if we are to move ahead in the future. We have aging members who find it difficult to attend all the meetings and serve as officers, but still want to be a Quester. An organization can be vibrant and healthy, but unless we continue to bring in new members and new ideas, we could see our chapters in trouble. Let's not wait until we are facing low membership to think about how we can revitalize Questers.

I want to encourage all Questers to recruit new members.

Is your chapter full? Does your chapter have a waiting list?

Please send me those names so we may find them a chapter or form a new group. Have you given any thought about starting another chapter in your area or checking to see if a nearby chapter needs help? Do you know men who are interested in preservation and restoration? If so, what about inviting them to join your chapter or helping them to organize a chapter of their own.

A Quester can be an associate member of another chapter. This is a great way to help a new group get started. Associates are non-voting members who only pay the local chapter portion of the dues. Remember, it only takes 8 people to form a chapter.

The State 1st Vice President (Organizer) is ready to assist you. With all of our chapters working together, we can see

IOWA QUESTERS GROW!

GROWING LEAN and GOING GREEN

By: Sue Slight, President

Dear Iowa Questers,

I was very pleased to announce at State Day that through the combination of Board member efforts and Chapters' cooperation, going green this past year has proven to be a success. With all expenses turned in by year end (May 31), the Iowa treasury had excess funds in the amount of \$2,313.13. In June, the Board voted to donate \$1,000 on behalf of Iowa Questers to International Funds - \$250 each to the Scholarship Fund, Fellowship Fund, P & R Grant Fund and the Headquarters' Maintenance Fund. Over \$1,000 was put aside in preparation for Iowa hosting the 2016 International Convention. In addition, with International raising our dues, we have designated additional funding to our state P & R Grants fund, so please consider what project your chapter may find to work on and apply for a state grant no later than February 2011.



Mentioning State Day, the Fort Dodge chapters organized a wonderful event and the 1st Silent Auction Fundraiser for the P & R Grant fund was a smash hit! A lot of positive feedback has been received from members who enjoyed this new fundraising activity, and it raised double the amount of funds traditionally generated in past years. Look for this activity to get bigger and better; begin to consider what you may want to contribute to the auction in 2011! The more we raise, the more that can be given back to Iowa chapters working on P & R Grant projects. **Bravo** and thanks to all those who participated. I know I took home a treasure that day as did many other Questers. Thanks, Fort Dodge, for hosting the event!

I was so proud to stand before the International Council this past May to report Iowa chapters had volunteered 20,368 hours of service locally and that \$16,902 had been contributed to historical projects and museums in local communities. Thanks to all chapters who sent in their annual reports. 80% of the chapters completed and mailed their reports as well as responded to the chapter survey sent to them last winter. I hope for 100% participation next year. Imagine the report I could give at next year's International Convention in Omaha, Nebraska!

The Iowa Questers Executive Board was provided all responses received from the chapter survey many of you so thoughtfully filled out. We greatly appreciate the time taken out of your chapter meetings to state your opinions and give suggestions regarding all the topics included. We are beginning to respond by implementing a couple of changes this year. *Area Days this fall will no longer include officer workshops.* In place of workshops, Questers will be given the opportunity to submit questions that will be answered that day by State Board members during the luncheon. This will allow more time during the day for seminars, viewing displays, shopping and social time while at the same time addressing requests for specific information you or your chapter may be seeking. All material chapter officers need will be placed on our website and **any chapter who does not have access** to our website are asked to notify me directly so that you may be provided with the necessary information. As we move forward with Going Green, no chapter will be left behind. The Executive Board will continue to weigh your survey responses as we make further decisions regarding our State Organization.

I hope you all have been enjoying your summer and are looking forward to the Quester year starting up this fall. I look forward to seeing many of you at the 4 Area Days that are planned for you in October. Check your calendar and register early! This issue of Hawkeye Tales and the web site have registration forms.

Please ask your chapter president to share the information received in the summer Presidents' mailing at your September meeting. As always, do not hesitate to contact me, or any State Board member, if you have any questions or concerns. See you soon!

Yours, in Iowa Questers,

Sue



Learn about and visit period homes and properties at State Day in Waterloo. The Snowden House (L) and the Rensselaer Russell House Museum (R).



**IOWA QUESTERS FINANCIAL
REPORT 2009-2010**

INCOME	
Dues Retained 2010-11	14,970.00
Area Day Overage	1,291.71
Other Income	235.31
Savings Transfer	1,247.84
State Day Advance Return	200.00
Treats & Treasures Sales	2,556.40
Total Income	20,501.26
EXPENSES	
4-H Award	131.80
Area Day Overage Dispersal	1,291.71
Board Mileage	1,431.60
Hawkeye Tales Newsletter	3,595.95
Web Site	575.13
IA Reception (Intl. Convention)	408.81
Intl. Convention	1,505.78
Miscellaneous	459.96
Office Expense	978.55
P & R Grant \$1.00 per member	2,181.00
State Day Advance	200.00
State Day Overage Dispersal	863.15
Treasurer's Bond	105.00
Total Expense Categories	13,728.44
= Income	6,772.82

**ACCOUNT BALANCES as of
MAY 31, 2010**

General Checking	17,101.84
Savings Account	9,168.27
Glass Account	1,905.17
P&R Grant Fund Account	7,614..26
Terrace Hill Account	2,298.63
Total Quester Funds	38,088.17

NEW STATE TREASURER

Send all donations and dues to:

**Ami Wells, 3927 E. 61st Blvd,
Davenport, IA 52907**



The 2010 first place Founders Award Study Paper was presented to Rosslyn Scamehorn, of Long's Peak, Colorado with her paper on "Arizona's Singing Cowboys and the Movies," at this year's International Convention. Next year the 2011 Founders Award Study Paper will be on "Trials and Trails of the Pioneer Woman."

Iowa Male Bag

By: Bob Hamill,
Cedar Rapids



I have been a member of May's Island #792 for fifteen years. I grew up in Maryland and attended the University of Pittsburgh. The Questers organization has helped me become acquainted with Iowa. I like reading about and visiting the many Preservation and Restoration projects funded by the Iowa Questers chapters through State Grants.

My passion is movie posters and movie memorabilia. I love silent movies and have done programs about them and the early film stars. I recently did a program on Vaudeville.

Since I belong to a couples' chapter, I sat through programs I did not think I would like only to learn not only something I never knew before, but something that was enough to make each program fascinating in its own right.

I would like to see more men become Questers. We are interested in history and also like to research our finds.

Bob Hamill

Preservation & Restoration Grant Fund

By: Diane Mansheim, Chair

Visit the P & R Grant Tables at this year's Fall Area Days and purchase new ornaments for your Halloween and/or Christmas Tree. Patches the Ghost and the ever popular mini Halloween ornaments will be displayed. Our Christmas bird selection this year is the Robin along with an assortment of mini Songbirds. They will be sold as a set, or individually just like the Halloween minis.

New this year will be Playing Cards with the Questers "Q" in blue and gold. They were a hit at the Convention in Phoenix.. They sell for \$8.00 a deck or two sets for \$15.00. I'll be glad to take your order on line if you are unable to attend an Area Day. Also your monetary donation, is always acceptable. We're all about raising money for your Chapters P&R Project. All monies raised will benefit your community and the Questers ideals to Preserve and Restore and have Fun doing it!!

I'll be handing out information on the Spring State Day Silent Auction. This was one of our more profitable endeavors; hopefully it will become an annual event. Plan to visit our web page for more news on this Spring Event in 2011.

I'm looking forward to busy, rewarding and enjoyable fall Questers Area Days.

2011 State Day Fort Dodge: City Built on Four Minerals

Questers were privileged to meet the 10 foot Cardiff Giant replica carved from Fort Dodge gypsum when they attended State Day 2010 held in the Fort Dodge Museum Opera House on April 10. Our luncheon seminar was given by Deann Hayden Luke, author of the musical "Cardiff." She told the story of how the "Giant" was made in Fort Dodge of gypsum in 1869, shipped to Cardiff, New York, and presented as the remains of a real giant by the owner, George Hull, who "discovered" the giant on his farm. He became wealthy by charging admission to view the giant which people believed to be real. It is considered to be the greatest hoax of the 19th century. During our morning seminars, Clark Root, a local actor, portrayed Stillman T. Meservey, founder of one of the largest gypsum companies in Fort Dodge. The second seminar on Grave Witching was given by Chris Jondle a member of Lauderdale #380 in Fort Dodge.

During the first century of its history, Fort Dodge proudly promoted itself as "Iowa's Mineral City." No other city in the state could claim the mineral wealth that Fort Dodge and Webster County enjoyed. Located in the region which had the most fertile agricultural land in the world, it also had coal, gypsum, clay, limestone and gravel in quantities and quality large enough to play a major role in the economic development of the community.

On Saturday, the Opera House was decorated for the occasion with quilts hung from the balconies. The five Fort Dodge Area Questers chapters had tables displaying the art work of historic Fort Dodge artists as well as information relating to the coal, gypsum, limestone and clay industries. One side of the room was taken up with the display of all twenty-five pieces of the Silent Auction items. This was the first Silent Auction held at State Day and it was highly successful in providing funds for Iowa Preservation and Restoration Grants.

The President's Reception was held on April 9, at the Vincent House, a French Second Empire Style home built in 1871. A special guest was our International President, Karen Weeber of Goshen, Indiana. At State Day she participated in our silent auction and also purchased a piece of glass to donate to the Iowa Questers Glass Collection at Iowa State University. Following lunch she gave an interesting talk and installed our new Recording Secretary, Treasurer and 2nd Vice President. We enjoyed visiting with Karen and having her be part of our special day.

Thank You Fort Dodge Questers from Dragoons #426, Foragers #364, Lauderdale #380, Soldiers Creek #764, Wakhonsa #12 and Gypsum City #93 for sharing your part of Iowa with us. It was truly a memorable and informative day!

PRESERVATION & RESTORATION GRANTS AWARDED IN 2010

Eight Iowa Quester chapters attended and received Preservation and Restoration Grants at State Day in April. Over \$11,933.00 was allotted for Iowa P & R Grants this year with \$9,416.50 being presented to Iowa chapters in 2010. Fay Gish Hill presented the awards to the following chapters.

- 1) **Abbie Gardner #332, Urbandale** — \$327.00 to purchase a vintage metal clothing display rack, two vintage dress forms, and repair a glass and brass box that belonged to a family that lived in the house all circa 1920's and an 1890's antique oak framed mirror with hooks for hats all to be used in the Olmsted-Urban House.
- 2) **Chautauqua Circuit #889 and Prairie School #1095, Mason City** - \$2,867.50 to restore six original windows in the Frank Lloyd Wright Park Inn Hotel. The only remaining hotel designed by Wright.
- 3) **Raccoon Valley #981, Adel** - \$1007.00 to purchase a 1905 Kellogg 20 line switchboard, and other early telephone equipment for the Adel Historical Museum. (This money was returned to the Iowa Questers after they received their International Grant.)
- 4) **Day Spring #1456 and Oneota #1446, Decorah** - \$1,150.00 to restore and repair a deteriorating kitchen window in the Laura Ingalls Wilder Park and Museum (home).
- 5) **Hanna Alderman #790, Nevada** - \$250.00 to purchase a period ceiling light fixture for the children's bedroom at the Dyer-Dowell House.
- 6) **Praeri Rail Trail #964, Story City** - \$500.00 to restore two donated Eastlake side chairs, circa 1885, for the Bartlett House Museum.
- 7) **L.M. Shaw #353, Denison** - \$1,500.00 to purchase and install reproduction wall paper and carpet for the dining room of the McHenry House Museum. This museum contains artifacts relating to all aspects of the history of the town, including Donna Reed memorabilia.
- 8) **Funtique #574, Waterloo** - \$1,815.00 to repair 38 dolls in the museums that make up the Grout Museum district for a doll display in 2011.

THANK YOU IOWA QUESTERS for your continued support of the Preservation and Restoration Grant Fund. Iowa chapters please give some thought to applying for a grant in 2011.



The SW Area Day host chapters invite all Iowa Questers to Atlantic on **Saturday, October 2**, where we will meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1011 E 13th Street.

We will begin the day with registration at 8:15 a.m. There will be coffee and sweets for you to enjoy while shopping at the "P & R Grant" and "Treats and Treasures" tables. Time will also allow for you to enjoy the displays and purchase tickets for some wonderful Opportunity Baskets.

Three interesting programs are planned. Margaret Slepkey will tell us all about Coca-Cola and share her large collection of Coke items. Rod Stanley, the museum assistant at the Dallas County Conservation Association, will present "The Mystery Trunk." We will also learn about the Hitchcock House, a home on the Underground Railroad.

Before returning home you may want to stop in Walnut to view a wonderful quilt show or visit the Cass County Historical Museum in Griswold. And be sure to stop and have a Coke – it's the real thing.

The host chapters are: Nishna Valley # 535, Franklin H. Whitney # 962, Walnut Creek Station # 866, and Calendar Girls # 1254.

ANTIQUE BICYCLES

You are invited to join the NW Area Day host chapters from Buena Vista #753, Mary Harker #1225, Siouan #36 and Stephen H. Taft #749 on **Saturday, October 9, 2010**.

You will learn about a collection of bicycles from Larry Godberson, who owns Lakeshore Cyclery in Storm Lake. He will present a program on his collection of antique bicycles which was started by his grandfather around 1938, and continued by his father in the 50's when it was considered one of the largest collections of antique bicycles in the World. Larry will open his shop for everyone to view the collection after the meeting.

Our second presenter is Jolene Dentlinger, who has a program on the Cook Farm near Odebolt, Ia. The Farm of 12 sections of land was purchased in 1873 by Charles Willard Cook of Chicago and divided into half section farms on which he placed his tenants and hired help. The Farm has since been sold and the buildings demolished.

The third presenter will be Geoff Perrill owner of Geoff's Bike and Ski in Iowa City who will talk about biking today.

Now don't forget to shop at the "P & R Grant" Tables or the "Treats and Treasures" tables. We will also have some interesting displays for you to view.

Hats Off to the Ladies

Celebrate the Women of Henry County as we say "Hats Off to the Ladies" at the SE Area Day. We will convene at the Howe Student Activity Center, SW entrance at Iowa Wesleyan College, 601 N. Main Street, Mt. Pleasant on **Saturday, October 16**. Registration opens at 8:15 a.m. Enjoy coffee and treats while you shop at the "P & R Grant" and the "Treats & Treasures" tables. Take time to view our antique displays and register for door prizes.

At 9:15 a.m. Rosemary Harris, retired educator, will portray the nation's first female attorney, Mt. Pleasant's own, Belle Babb Mansfield. Our next program will feature Michael Zahs, area historian and his presentation on the Pioneer Women of Iowa.

Following the conclusion of Area Day, the Mt. Pleasant Woman's Club is hosting an Antique Appraisal Fair, from 1-5, also in the IWC Howe Center [\$10 item/3 for \$25]. Area museums will be open, including the Harlan-Lincoln House on campus. The SE Iowa Artist Studio Tour will be happening and our Historic Downtown Square is nearby, with quaint gift and specialty shops.

Host chapters for Area Day are: Harlan #264, Hulda Saunders #414, Pleasantique #434 and Chicauqua #1067.

"WESTWARD HO!"

Take a step back in time to the Old West and join us for the NE Area Day on **Saturday, October 23**, at 9:00 a.m. in Story City at Roland-Story High School, 1009 Story Street.

Enjoy goodies with your coffee and don't forget to shop at the "P & R Grant" and "Treats and Treasures" tables and look at our interesting displays.

At 9:45 Carol Kenealy will present a fascinating program of "Women of the Wild West." Hear her tales of the bravery of the frontier women and their courage as they faced continued dangers on their journeys.

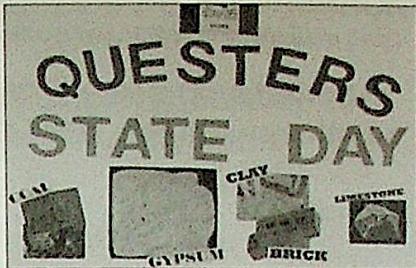
Virginia Fredericks will pique our interest with her account of the "History of the Rocking Horse," and Kathryn Hanson and Roxann Jackson will give an entertaining program on "The Orphan Trains: A Personal View," an introspective view of their ancestors who were shipped from the east to the Midwest to be adopted by families and their search for their roots.

Your hosts for this exciting day are Beeds Mill #639, Hook & Eye #992, Praeri Rail Trail #964 and Scenic City #785. They encourage you to visit the Story City Grand Opera House and Theatre, the Bartlett House Museum, The Carriage House Museum, The Sheldall School House, the famous Antique Carousel, the Antique Mall, and Country Gallery.

2010 STATE DAY PICTURES



International President, Karen Weeber with her Iowa gifts and holding the piece of green glass that she purchased and donated to the Iowa Questers Glass Collection.



Interesting Auction Items at State Day

Looking at Chapter Year Books



I need something!



The Quilt Display



Viewing the replica of the Cardiff Giant.

(L) Vicki Baker, (Past State President) Lee Hamill, and Martha Rasmussen

Clark Root portraying Stillman T. Meservey, founder of the largest Gypsum Company in Fort Dodge



Phyllis Green playing the piano at the President's Reception.



(L) Chris Jondle, Ami Wells, Kay Payne, Martha Bice, Fay Gish Hill (Past State President) & Sue Slight, (President)



Iowa Questers State Board 2009-2010 : (Back) Martha Rasmussen, Sue Slight, (President) Diane Mansheim, Lee Hamill, Carol Tinkey, (Front) Ivy Ward, Jackie Smith, Melinda Seegmiller, Susan Laws, Ann Sturgeon Kreager, Dottie Butts, Fay Gish Hill, (Past State President) & Karen Weeber (International President)

Many Thanks: Martha, (Recording Secretary), Carol (Treasurer) & Melinda (2nd VP) for serving on the Board.

Iowa Questers State Board 2010-2011 : (Back) Sue Slight, (President) Diane Mansheim, Ami Wells, Carol Tinkey, Fay Gish Hill (Past State President), Dottie Butts (Front) Ann Sturgeon Kreager, Ivy Ward, Jackie Smith, Lee Hamill, Susan Laws, & Barbara Rardin

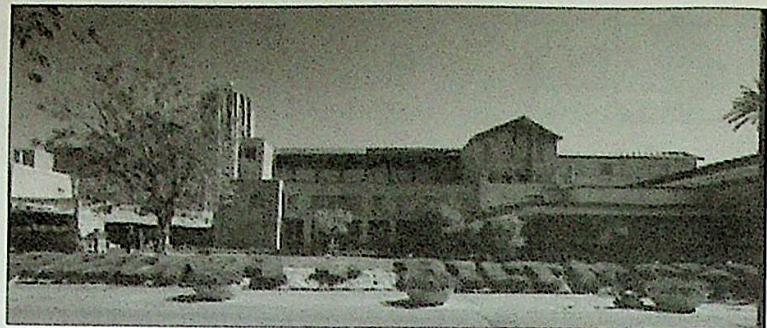
Welcome to the Board: Carol (Recording Secretary), Ami (Treasurer) & Barbara (2nd VP)



Pictures from International Convention 2010 - PHOENIX, AZ



WELCOME TO ARIZONA
Daphne Davis hosted a Margarita reception at her home for her Quester friends. Lee Hamill is helping. Fun!



Biltmore Resort and Spa



Mariachi Band



Chatelaines Seminar



Sun Kachina Doll



**Bev Seikman and Nola Edwards
(Past State President)**



Iowa Questers attending the International Convention



Diane Mansheim & Elaine Estes (Past State President) at Daphne's

Vicki Baker (Past State President) & Cherry Sparks (Past State & International President) at Daphne's.



**Ivy Ward at
Daphne's**



(L) Melinda Seegmiller on a tour



**(R) Martha Rasmussen at
Daphne's**



WELCOME IOWA'S NEWEST CHAPTER

HUSTON'S PLOT #1485

WEST DES MOINES

Huston's Plot #1485, chartered in February, 2010, was named for the Huston Family Cemetery. Locally known as the Cemetery in the Middle of the Road, it was located in the center of the junction of 2 gravel roads in the country way out west of West Des Moines, but is now just a few blocks from a huge shopping center, Jordan Creek. James Huston bought land and built his house along the stage coach road and operated the stage coach stop from his house. When he arrived in Iowa, he immediately learned the Indian language. The cemetery with 15 graves was on the corner of his farm. He was Post Master and was the first attorney in Dallas County. Six of his 11 children were born deaf and 2 attended deaf school in Iowa City. He tried to get a State school for the deaf in Iowa City because the one in Council Bluffs on the west side of the state was too far away for students in eastern Iowa. That plan failed, but he was successful in getting the requirement passed that made education compulsory for all children through the 8th grade.

Our chapter is in Edgewater Active Living Community about 1/4 mile from the Cemetery, and residents here are interested and curious about the cemetery we drive around nearly every time we leave the complex. When we "found" a Great Great Granddaughter of James Huston, we hosted a meeting, with her as speaker, for the community, with 85 in attendance. The house, still standing but with major remodeling, was also a stop on the Underground Railroad. Local lore says the first 2 burials in the cemetery were young girls traveling through in a covered wagon. History says that they were little daughters of a man named Harper who was a follower of John Brown. They died and were buried in 1847 but it is possible their graves are not marked. It's difficult to identify all the broken stones but it was the Huston family cemetery, with at least 13, and possibly all of the 15 grave sites belonging to 3 generations of the Huston family. James was the last, buried in 1889.

On May 19 the Youth Group from Van Meter United Methodist Church, representatives of Huston's Plot #1485 and other Edgewater residents cleaned the cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day.

Corresponding Secretary

By: Ivy Ward

The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for keeping the Iowa Questers data base accurate and current. The data base includes your name, chapter and address. The data base is used as approved by the State Board routinely and the President for special requests. Some of the routine labels or lists printed are the twice a year Presidents letter to chapter presidents, labels for notices of Area Days, State Day and Hawkeye Tales.

Protecting our non-profit status includes protecting our lists of names and addresses and limiting their use. This also maintains the trust and confidence of our members.

I am most anxious that every member receives the 2 issues of Hawkeye Tales and 4 issues of the Quester Quarterly each year. The United States Post Office requires exact addresses to deliver third class mail (which is the most economical way to send our newsletters). Look for your Iowa Hawkeye Tales in March and August and the International Quester Quarterly in February, June, August, and October. Please let us know if you do not receive your newsletters.



“Where the Cactus Blooms”

was the theme of the 60th International Convention that was held at the lovely Biltmore Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona on May 7 to 9, 2010. 26 Iowa Questers and 9 guests were part of the 667 Questers and guests in attendance at the convention. Tours took us to Sedona, the Heard Museum, Wrigley Mansion, Old Town Scottsdale, private homes and antique shopping. We greeted our International President; Karen Weeber at the President's Reception and enjoyed the music of the Mariachi Band. Attended a "Party of the Decade" at the Annual Banquet and learned about the "Early Railroads and the Harvey Girls" at the Annual Luncheon. A treat at our Farewell Dinner "Happy Trails to You," was Buckshot Dot, a celebrated Arizona poet and musical entertainer.

Many of our Quester friends attended our Iowa Reception on Sunday evening. It is always fun to see and visit with so many that we only see at the conventions. Yes, those cactus plants are prickly!

Iowa Questers, this is your chance to attend an International Convention right next door at the Double Tree Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska, on May 13 to May 15, 2011. Talk about it in your chapters, get a group together and go. How many Iowa Questers will attend?

REMEMBERING IOWA QUESTERS



Margaret Swaney, 64, a member of Kishekosh Kollectors #1450 in Osceola passed away in December. She taught school for over 30 years, enjoyed flower gardening, traveling and her family.

Lilla Barrett, 89, a charter member of William J. Wagner # 405 of Dallas Center passed away in April. She enjoyed attending ISU women's basketball games, antiquing and bird watching. Lilla will be missed by her chapter friends.

Log Cabin #455, of Washington, has lost two really great Questers within the past few months. **Ruth Owen**, 90, a charter member, passed away in December. She was a mentor to many members of Questers and shared her love and expertise of antiques and knowledge of Washington Co. history. Ruth was an avid button collector and a member of a regional, state, and national button society.

May Jo Hays, of Washington, passed away in January. She was an enthusiastic collector of antique needlework and was an expert on samplers. She had just given a program on early American samplers to her chapter. Mary Jo also operated a tea room. Both of these Questers will be missed by many.

CHAPTER NEWS

Hawkeye Tales 2010

RE-DEDICATION CIVIL WAR BAS RELIEF MURAL BURLINGTON

On Sunday, March 7, 2010 the Burlington Quester chapters welcomed Quester President Sue Slight to the re-dedication ceremony of the restored Civil War bas relief murals project. These murals are now a centerpiece in the Des Moines County Heritage Center.

The ceremony was organized by the Burlington Questers; Antiquers #284, City of Hills #1329, Orchard City #1206, ShoQuoQuon #322 and historical society members. Civil War music was provided by The South Hill Brass and re-enactors of the Southeast Iowa Civil War Roundtable in period costume were visitors from the past. Special displays of artifacts and period-appropriate refreshments were also offered.

A \$1,800 Preservation & Restoration Grant from Iowa Questers allowed the Burlington chapters to hire art conservator Robert C. Norman to restore and conserve the two large bas relief friezes, *Donelson* and *Triumphal Return*, which are copies of the bronze panels on the Iowa Soldiers and Sailors Monument located on the Capitol grounds in Des Moines. *Donelson* depicts Iowa infantry in a decisive Tennessee battle and *Triumphal Return* features prominent Iowans including Burlington politician James Grimes who was elected the third governor of Iowa and later was a United States Senator, and philanthropist Philip Crapo who organized the Burlington public library and donated land overlooking the Mississippi River for Crapo Park.

In addition to the P & R grant, this \$4,300 project received a \$450 grant from the Burlington Fine Arts League with the remaining funding provided by the Quester chapters. Over the past ten years the Burlington Quester chapters have provided approximately \$60,000 of funding for various P & R projects in the community.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LUCILLE - 100 Years! Willson Alexander Scott #1141 - Des Moines

A high tea was held honoring Lucille Albright on her 100th birthday in September at Stam's Chocolaterie in Des Moines. Everyone enjoyed tea, cookies, and of course, chocolate. During the tea Lucille shared a bit about her early life and her career developing the former Albright lighting and lamp shop on Ingersoll Avenue in Des Moines.

Chapter members of Willson Alexander Scott #1141 presented Lucille with a piece of glass "Just Out" Centennial Chick. This baby chick toothpick holder was made by the Gillander Company to celebrate their 100th anniversary. The glass will be displayed in her honor at the Iowa Questers Glass Collection at the Brunnier Gallery at Iowa State. Our chapter thinks Lucille is still a hot chick at 100.

Plum Grove #948 Iowa City



Nancy Westlake as
Mary Todd Lincoln.

Plum Grove. We congratulate Nancy and also recognize her for her volunteer service to Ouesters.

On December 3, 2009, at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., Nancy Westlake, a member of Plum Grove #948 in Iowa City, was the recipient of the 2009 Weidman Outstanding Volunteer Service Award. This award is a national award presented by the Archivist of the United States to volunteers who have furthered the interests of the National Archives. Nancy was recognized for her work at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch where she started as a tour guide. Since then she has become a part of the library's broadcast via Iowa Communications Network. She has contributed to the Laura Ingalls Wilder information on the library's site, continues to give tours including the Christmas tree tour, and often portrays Mary Todd Lincoln and Friendly Lucas (the wife of Iowa's first territorial governor) who owned

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY HULDAH SAUNDERS #414 Mt. Pleasant



Huldah Saunders #414, of Mt. Pleasant celebrated their 40th anniversary on April 1, 2010. Seated members include: Buena Messer, Bonnie Vance and Eleanor Thomas; middle row: Mary Ann Messer, Karla Denning, Tammy Detrick, Maria Whetsler and Laurie Parks; back row: Sue Frary, Lea Bradley, Martha Allen, Pat White, and Jan Walter. Other members include Vada Gruber, Laverne Hunting, Becky Keeley, Phyllis Klopfenstein, Shauna McCormick, and Dorothy Welcher.

Day Spring #1456 and Oneota #1446 Decorah

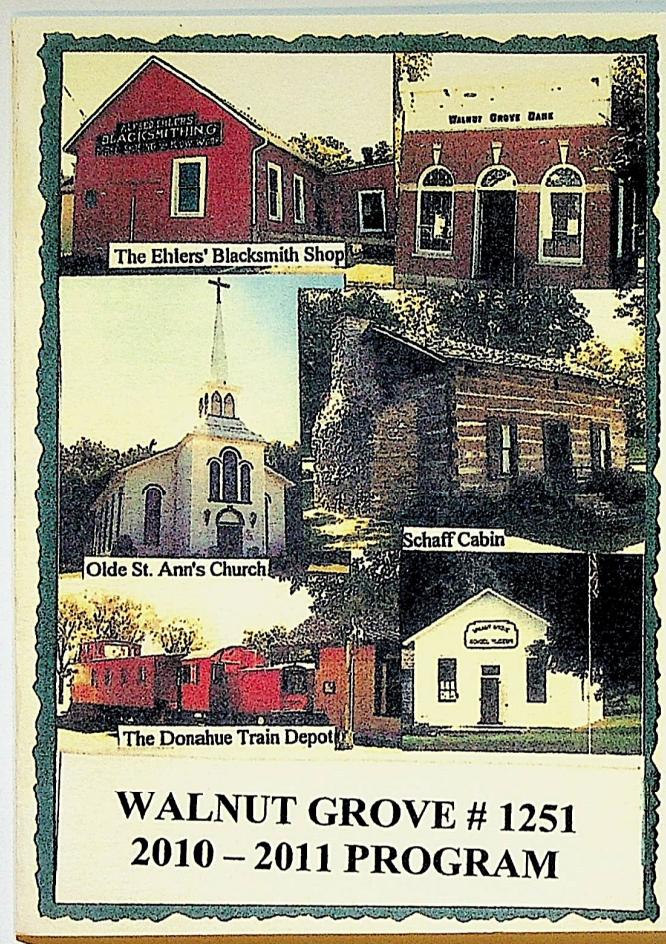
These two Decorah chapters received an Iowa Questers Preservation and Restoration Grant of \$1,150 at State Day in Fort Dodge 2010. These funds along with the \$300.00 overage from the NE Area Day will be combined and used to repair and restore a rotted kitchen window in the Laura Ingalls Wilder Park and Museum in Burr Oak. This is where Laura and her family worked and lived when they made their home in Iowa.



L to R: Phyllis Green, President of Oneota #1446, Jeannie Wright, President of Day Spring #1456, Paul Hexom, Vice President of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Park and Museum, Inc. Board of Directors, Connie Strom, board member and Steve Luse Executive Director of the Museum.



Huldah Saunders #414 cooperated with other volunteer organizations in a service project painting the Saunders Circle in the Old City Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant. The circle surrounds the tombstones of Mt. Pleasant's founder, Presley Saunders and members of his family including his wife Huldah for whom this chapter is named.



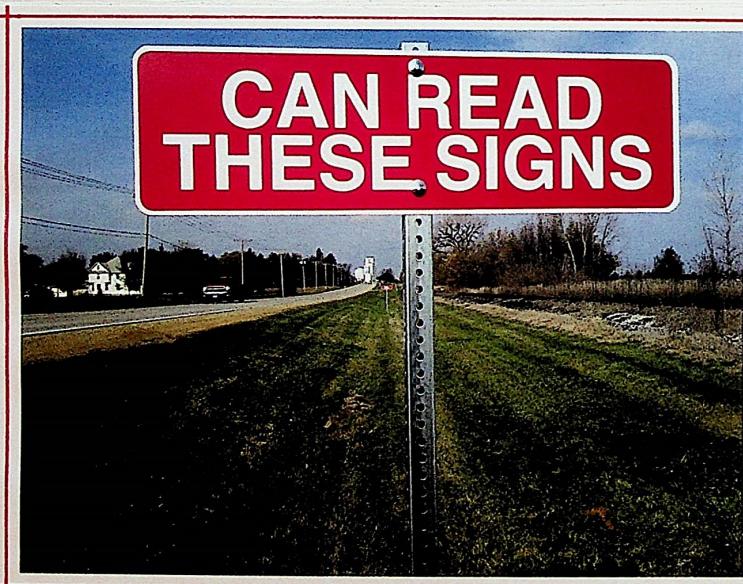
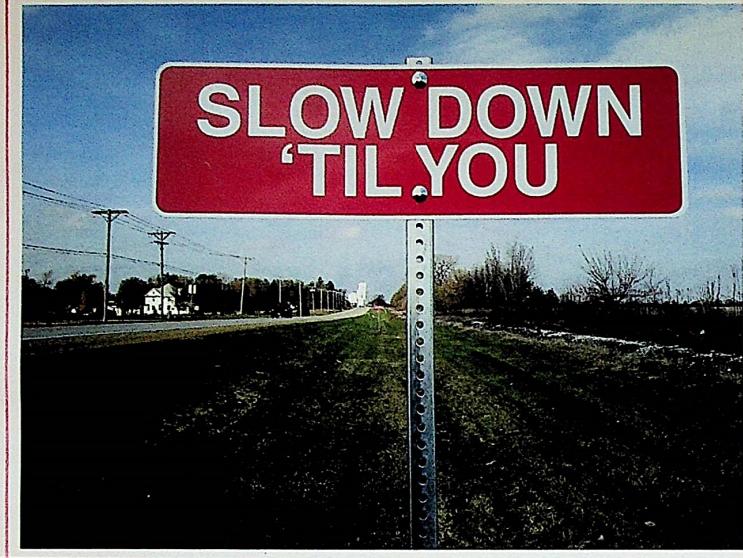
Walnut Grove Questers

Walnut Grove #1251 met at the Iowa Machine Shed on Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. with Vera Hansen as our hostess. She treated all the members with delicious pie from the Shed. Plans were made to decorate the Schaff Cabin for the Christmas festivities at The Dan Nagle Walnut Grove Pioneer Village.

Vera Hansen gave a very interesting program on the Burma Shave signs that dotted the highways. Their popularity lasted for about 38 years:

The next meeting will be with Fae Harvey on Dec. 13 at 1 p.m. This will be the Christmas exchange, revealing the sister sisters, and the program will be on the Mardi Gras.

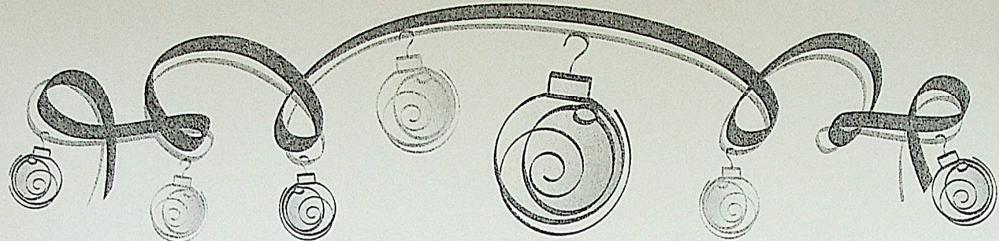




Walnut Grove #1251

The next Walnut Grove #1251 meeting will be at Alice Lenker's home on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. (Please note change of date). She will have a guest speaker talking about antique jewelry. Vera Hansen was hostess of the Sept. 14 meeting with a program on Kewpie Dolls. After a delicious dessert, 12 members answered roll call. President Lenker reported on information received from the state president, Sue Slight. The Terrace Hill Tea honoring the Questers of Iowa will be held on Dec. 7. All members are invited. The Fall Area Day for Southeast Iowa will be at the Social Hall of Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant on Oct. 16 at 9 a.m. The theme for the day is "Hats Off to the Ladies." Registration forms are in the recent Hawkeye Tales or on the Quester website. A brief discussion was held on the new program books.





Terrace Hill Society
invites you to an

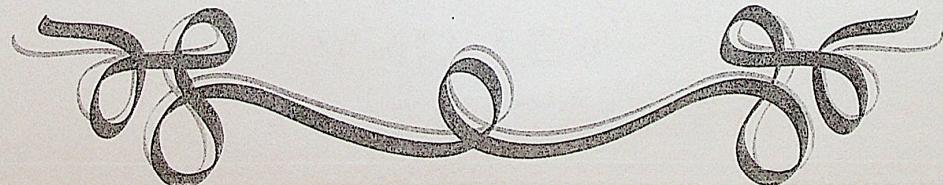
**EMERALD AND RUBY
CHRISTMAS
QUESTER COFFEE
AND TEA**

Tuesday, December 7, 2010
9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

2300 Grand Avenue
Des Moines

Feast your eyes on exquisite Floradora and Delaware Glass
graciously donated by Fay Gish Hill and Elaine Estes,
while enjoying a delectable sampling of assorted Christmas fare!

Requested donation \$9.00
Reservations limited



December 14th at 1:00 pm

Hostess: Jo Mattke

Program: Vintage Table Linens

**Roll Call: Share a favorite linen item or tell
about a favorite Christmas gift you received or
gave.**

Notes

Todays Events: Revealing the name of your secret
sister with a gift for the Christmas Exchange.

Draw a name for a new Secret Sister for 2011

12-7 Terrace Hill Coffee/tea for the Iowa Questers.

12-25 Deadline for receiving articles for the
Hawkeye Tales

Send to: Ann Sturgeon Kreager, Editor:
P.O. Box, Adel, IA 50003
or E-mail to: Amst48@aol.com

Walnut Grove Questers #1251

The members of Walnut Grove met at the home of Bernice Meyer on Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. Roll call was answered by 11 members and two guests. The committee responsibilities for Area

Day on Oct. 1 were discussed. The following ideas were discussed for the table centerpieces and side displays: Bernice Meier, yellow ware; handkerchiefs, Susan Hill; jewelry and salts, Jeanne Willems; paperweights, Betty Spies; and Buddy-L-Toys, Carolyn Moon.

Bernice presented a very interesting program on Irish Belleek, motivated by articles of Belleek given to her from a special family member. For more than 120 years, Irish Belleek, the fragile-appearing translucent porcelain, has held the interest of many collectors.

The next meeting will be held on Feb. 8 at the home of Carolyn Moon.



Walnut Grove #1521 Questers

The members of Walnut Grove met at the home of Carolyn Moon on Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. Bernice Meier gave a program for another group and reported three volunteer hours. We had three special guests, Kay Murphy, Carolyn Williams and Melinda Seegmiller.

Kathy Winters reported sending two \$20 donations to Winterthur and Columbia University. In addition, a donation of \$33 was sent to support the state 4-H Preservation and Restoration Award.

The ballot for state officers was read and approved. Donations were requested for the second annual silent auction to be held at State Day on April 9 in Waterloo. A committee and a theme was selected for the basket to be in the raffle on State Day.

Jeanette Korthaus announced that the Brownie Sod House is sponsoring an antique appraisal by Chuck Wolf on March 22 at the Scott County Library.

Carolyn Moon presented a program on cameos. Every member brought examples of cameo's to share. Wonderful stories were shared about family members having the jewelry and then passing them on to the next generation.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Betty Spies on March 8.

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March 8th, 2011 at 1:00 pm.

Hostess: Betty Spies

Program: Antique Publications

Roll Call: Article from an old publication.

Notes

Nominating Committee: Slate of Officers for 2011-2012

3-1 Founders Award Paper Due:

Topic: "Trials and Trails of the Pioneer Woman"

Mail to: Founder's Award Entry, c/o

Second Vice President, The Questers

210 South Quince Street

Philadelphia, PA 19107

3-26 State Board Meeting

3-30 Annual Reports Due

Mail to : Sue Slight, Presidents

11 Geneva Dr.

Muscatine, IA 52761

May 17th 2011 at 1:00 pm.

Hostess: Kathy Winters
Program: Schoenhut Circus
Roll Call: Circus memory

Notes

Installation of officers

May 13-15 International Convention

Double Tree Hotel
 Omaha, NB.

Announce the final plans for the June Tour

Walnut Grove Questers #1251

The Walnut Grove Questers met in the home of Kathy Winters on May 10. Eleven members answered roll call.

The June tour was discussed and planned. The tour will be June 14. All members will meet at Vera Hansen's house at 10 a.m., travel to Iowa City and after having lunch the group will tour Plum Grove, which is the retirement home of Gov. Robert Lucas, the first territorial governor of Iowa.

Next fall the club dues will increase to \$30.

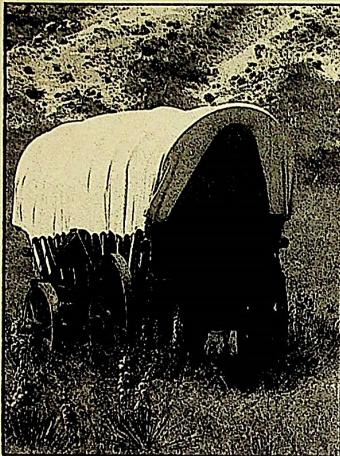
Kathy Winters gave an interesting program on the Schoenhut Humpty Dumpty circus.



SE IOWA AREA DAY

OCTOBER 1, 2011

Gateway to the West



Davenport Country Club
25500 Valley Drive, Bettendorf, Iowa 52767
(563)332-4050
Hosts:
Annie Wittemyer #737
Brownlie Sod House #1229
Pearls of Wisdom #1186
Walnut Grove #1251

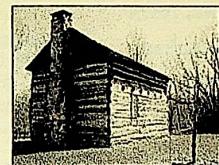
SE IOWA AREA DAY

OCTOBER 1, 2011

Gateway to the West



Quad Cities



8:00 - 9:00 - REGISTRATION

Enjoy coffee and treats. Shop at the "P&R Grant" and the "Treats & Treasures" tables. View our antique displays, opportunity baskets and door prizes.

9:00 - WELCOME

Convene in the Main Dining Room of Club

9:15 - 10:00

"ROCK ISLAND PRISON BARRACKS"

Speaker: Kris Leinicke

10:00 - 10:15 BREAK

Shop and visit our Table Displays

10:15-11:00

"MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF MARY TODD LINCOLN"

Speaker: Dr. Marietta Castle

11:00 - 11:30 BREAK

Shop and visit our Table Displays

11:30 - 1:00 LUNCHEON

"GENERATION TO GENERATION"

Speaker: Terri Applegate, owner of *Le Claire Antiques*

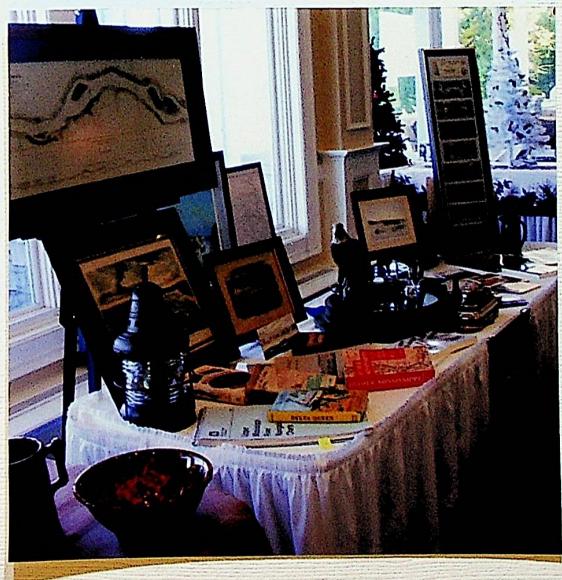
OPEN FORUM (QUESTIONS FOR STATE BOARD)

AWARDING OF DOOR PRIZES

Following the conclusion of Area Day:

Visit nearby Le Claire, Iowa home of the *American Pickers* & the *Buffalo Bill Museum*

Other local area points of interest: *Figge Art Museum*, *German American Heritage Center*, *Colonel Davenport Home*, *Rock Island Arsenal Museum*, *QC Botanical Center*





THE IOWA STATE ORGANIZATION OF THE QUESTERS

Lee Hamill, State President
(319) 363-0860

3634 Honey Hill Dr. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
Lbhamill@hotmail.com

October 17, 2011

Alice Lenker
Walnut Grove #1251
1521 W 53rd Street, Apt. 323
Davenport, IA 52806

Dear Alice and members Walnut Grove #1251,

I am writing to express my sincere thanks for your chapter's participation in planning and carrying out a wonderful Southeast Area Day this year. The event from beginning to end was a great day. Everyone had ample time to view the chapter displays, make purchases at Treats and Treasures and Ways and Means. I am well aware of how much work and energy goes in to a successful Area Day.

The Davenport Country Club was a beautiful location for your event. I thought Ami Swearingen did a great job of keeping the group on schedule and making everyone feel comfortable. Kris Leinicke's talk on "Rock Island Prison Barracks" was most informative. I loved the way Dr. Marietta Castle portrayed Mary Todd Lincoln. Terrie Applegate gave us some good food for thought with her talk "Generation to Generation". Your centerpiece displays and tables were fabulous. Questers love to look at collections and you gave us a plenty to see. Who wouldn't want to buy tickets for the great raffle baskets?

I do hope you enjoyed working with other Questers in your area and encourage you to continue a relationship, perhaps by getting together for a shared event or project in your area.

Again, thank you to all who contributed to hosting the 2011 SE Area Day.
Congratulations on a job well done.

Sincerely,

Lee Hamill
Iowa Questers State President

Cc: File

It's fun to seek,.... IOWA STATE QUESTERS

And a joy to find!

October 29, 2011

Fay Gish Hill, Iowa State Questers Past President —5604 Thunder Road, Ames, IA 50014 -- 515-232-5307 -- e-mail: jhill@iastate.edu

Dear Chapter President,

I am the current chair of the Preservation and Restoration Committee for the Iowa State Questers. Three weeks ago it was brought to the attention of the Board that the policy for obtaining an International grant has been changed. If you will look on page 8 of your last Quester Quarterly, Fall, 2011, you will see a small article about grants in the lower left corner of the page. The fifth line from the bottom states, "Project properties must be government owned." When I first read this, I thought it was a typo, it couldn't be correct. After several Iowa Questers called both the International P&R Chair, Margaret Melville, and President Joan LoCasale, to clarify this statement, it was verified that the policy had been changed, and grants will not be given for 501c3 entities, only government properties, defined as being owned by the city, township, county, state or federal government. This means our Historical Societies, and local museums will no longer be able to apply for grants. Neither the Iowa State Questers Board, nor I, believe this policy should continue.

We would like to encourage your chapter to help change the new policy back to supporting our 501c3 entities and various foundations in the state. Please write a letter to both the International P&R Chair and to the International President stating your support for giving grants to our local endeavors. It would be appropriate in your letter to give examples of local projects that would no longer be funded, like repairing the iron picket fence around an important historical site, resetting tombstones in a cemetery of our original settlers, finding wallpaper for the Donna Reed home, repair windows on the house where Laura Ingles Wilder lived as a child in Burr Oak, Iowa, or any of the other significant historical structures in our state. In Mason City, the boyhood home of Meredith Willson, or the only Frank Lloyd Wright hotel now in existence, wonderful theaters all over the state, the houses where Mamie Eisenhower and John Wayne were born are just a few that could no longer be funded under this new policy. I think, both the Jordon House and Hitchcock House where the underground railroad ran would not be able to get International grants. Your chapter knows your area, please tell International what you have in your area that needs restoring, but would not qualify for a grant now. Please tell International how important it is to Questers to be able to fund local projects and that very few of them belong to government entities, but are owned by non-profit foundations, societies or other 501c3 organizations.

Your letter needs to be sent before December 30th so it will be available for the January International Board meeting. Several of our Chapters were preparing grants but will not qualify this year because of this new policy, since they are owned and run by non government groups like the wonderful theatre in Burlington that is being restored and other theatres across our state that need restoration, but are owned by various 501c3s. Even though we can not get the policy changed in time for the 2012 grants, we can try to make a difference for future grants.

Please write your letters as soon as possible. International needs to know that Iowa cares about this policy change. The addresses to send your letters are:

Joan Lo Casale
President, International Questers
29 Stringer Drive
Doylestown, PA 18901

Margaret Melville
Chair Preservation and Restoration
13179 Old Oaks Drive
Fenton, MI 48430

I am sorry to have to ask you to do this, but in my opinion and that of the Board, it is important we as Iowa State Questers TRY TO STOP THIS POLICY FROM CONTINUING into 2014 when grants will be given again.

Sincerely,

Fay Gish Hill

Fay Gish Hill
Preservation and Restoration Chair, 2011-2013

Carolyn Moon, Historian
Questers, Walnut Grove #1251
4409 Forest Road
Davenport, IA 52807
Nov 29, 2011

Margaret Melville
Chair Preservation and Restoration
13179 Old Oaks Drive
Fenton, MI 48430

Dear Ms. Melville,

I am writing at the request of my chapter to respectfully urge International Questers to re-consider the new rules that restrict International Preservation and Restoration grants from being given to any projects that are not owned by a government entity.

While most of our chapter efforts are directed to Pioneer Village which is part of a park governed by Iowa's Scott County, we know of many other historical homes, gardens and buildings which are non-profit 501c3 organizations. Many of these are extremely deserving of our efforts to assist in their preservation and restoration. I am enclosing correspondence from Iowa's Preservation and Restoration Chair, Fay Gish Hill. She lists many Iowa historic locations which are not government owned, but which Iowans are anxious to have preserved and maintained for future generations to enjoy while they learn from the past. Often they have much difficulty finding money for maintenance and only are able to exist because of dedicated volunteers. Often they also have to fight off government agencies who would rather have a parking lot or any taxed business- no matter what.

We do not understand the motivation which caused the rule that "Project properties must be government owned." Perhaps some of our international Quester members and officers do not understand that in this country citizen involvement is vital and at least as important to us as is government involvement.

Please examine the rules for awarding international grants again and consider our point of view. Thank you for your attention to this issue and for listening.

With much respect,

enclosure
Copies to Joan Lo Casale and Fay Gish Hill

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#125,
Historic
Assn*

Fay Gish Hill
Iowa State Questers - Grants Chair
Cedar Hill in Squaw Valley
5604 Thunder Road
Ames, Iowa 50014
Phone: 515-232-5307
e-mail: jhill@iastate.edu

January 5, 2012

Dear Chapter President,

Thank you for writing to International Questers to express a concern about how International will decide which projects will be given grants in the future. I appreciate your taking the time to try to make a difference in the grant process. Our letters from Iowa may or may not change the process, but it is important for the International Board to know our position. I am proud of all the Iowa chapters that were willing to express their opinion.

Yours in Questing,

Fay Gish Hill
Fay Gish Hill



October 24, 2011

Alice Lenker, President
Walnut Grove #1251
1531 W. 53rd Street, Apt. 323
Davenport, IA 52806

Dear Alice,

I am pleased to inform you that the bylaws of Walnut Grove #1251 are approved and effective immediately. Enclosed is a signed signature page of approval. This page is to be attached to the chapter's bylaws.

A copy of the signature page for the State file will be sent to Vicki MacLeod, Iowa State Questers Parliamentarian.

I will file a copy of the bylaws and a signature page at The Questers International Headquarters in Philadelphia, PA.

May the members of Walnut Grove #1251 experience The Questers' motto: "It's fun to search and a joy to find."

Sincerely,

Nelle Garrecht
Nelle Garrecht
International Parliamentarian

Keep Program Book 2011-2012
Here

October 2011 Sept 13 Sat Jeanette Napping Ladies
Area Day at Golf Club

Oct 11 Shirley Show & Tell

Nov 11 Vera Busua Share

Dec 11 Fae Mardi Gras

2012 Jan 2012 Susan Heritage

Feb 2012 Jeanette Purser

Mar 2012 Alice Porcelain

April 2012 Jo Accessories for Dolls

May 2012 Bernice Carnival Glass

June Tour

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October 11, 2011 at 1:00 pm

Hostess: Shirley Cole

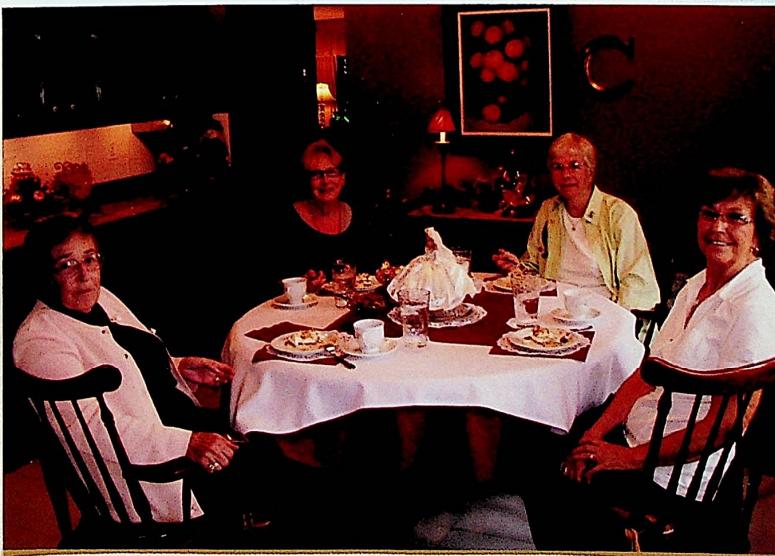
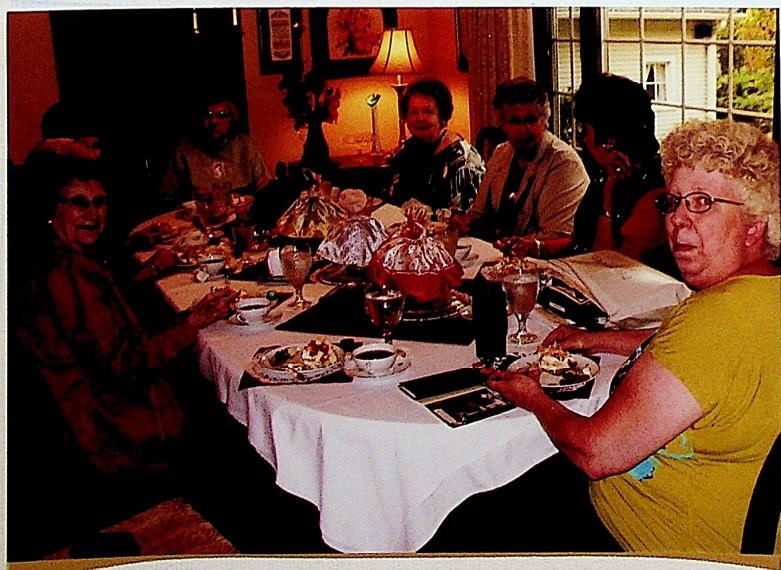
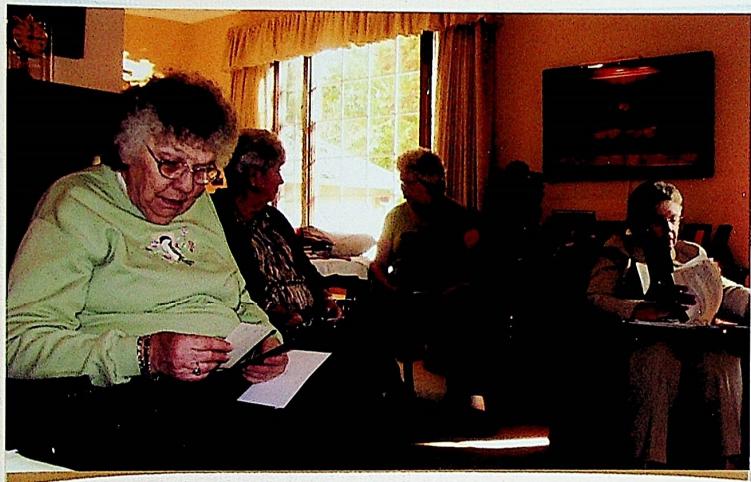
Program: Show and Tell

Roll Call: My favorite Halloween character.



Set a date to clean the Schaff Cabin for the Christmas walk

2011 - A Year in Review



September 13, 2011 at 1:00pm.
Hostess: Jeanette Korthaus
Program: Napkin Ladies
Roll Call: A place of interest I saw this summer.



Mail Chapter Program Books To:

1. Barbara Rardin, 2nd Vice President
1233 5th Street, Boone, IA 50036
2. Sue Slight, International 2nd Vice President
11 Geneva Drive
Muscatine, IA 52761

10-1 Deadline for Quester Quarterly

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December 13, 2011 at 1:00 pm

Hostess: Fae Harvey
Program: Marti Gras
Roll Call: What do you think of when you think of Marti Gras?



Todays Events: Revealing the name of your secret sister with a gift for the Christmas Exchange.

Draw a name for a new Secret Sister for 2012

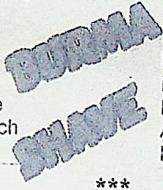
12-15 Deadline for receiving articles for the Hawkeye Tales

Send to:

Melinda Seegmiller, Editor
820 West Park Rd
Iowa City, IA 52246-2427
siggydrama@mchsi.com

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November 8th at 1:00 pm
Hostess: Vera Hansen
Program: Burma Shave Road Signs
Roll Call: Can you remember one?

If your peach
Keeps out
Of reach
Better practice
What we preach
Burma-Shave



Doesn't
Kiss you
Like she useter?
Perhaps she's seen
A smoother rooster!!
Burma-Shave

Just a reminder:

Reveal the name of your Secret Sister with a gift for the Christmas exchange at the December meeting.

11-15 Deadline International Grant Applications

11-15 Deadline for the receipt of State Officer Nominations. Mail to: Sue Slight, Nominating Chair; 11 Geneva Drive Muscatine, IA

Walnut Grove #1251

The Walnut Grove Questers met in January with Sue Hill, hostess, at the Scott County Library. She gave an interesting program, "Growing Up on Iowa Farms and In Small Towns During the 1920s."

Iowa State President Lee Hamill is challenging all Iowa Questers to look around in their communities for restoration projects to help preserve the past. In answer to this pursuit, a committee was formed to inquire to any needs the Schaff Cabin, located in the Dan Nagle Walnut Grove Village, might have. New curtains for the four windows and table linens were suggested.

Hostess for the December meeting was Fae Harvey. A Secret Sister Christmas exchange was enjoyed and new names were drawn for the coming year.

The next meeting will be at the home of Jeanette Korthaus on Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. Her program will be on Mary Frances purses.

January 10, 2012 at 1:00 pm.**Hostess: Susan Hill****Program: Hooked Rugs****Roll Call: Tell us your full legal name and your heritage.**

1-8 State Board Meeting**Support our State Projects**

Mail donations to:

Amelia Wells, Treasurer

3927 E. 61st Blvd
Davenport, IA 52807-2962

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February 14th 2012 at 1:00 pm

Hostess: Jeanette Korthaus

Program: Mary Frances Purses

Roll Call: What do you look for when buying a purse?



2-1 - Deadline for Quester Quarterly

2-15 - Deadline to apply for State P&R Grants

Applications mailed to:

Fay Gish Hill, Grant Fund Chairman
5604 Thunder Road
Ames, IA 50014

2-28 - Postmark and 3-1 Deadline for returning

Ballots for State Officers

Mail to: Sue Slight, Nominating Chairman
11 Geneva Drive
Muscatine, IA 52761

March 8th, 2012 at 1:00 pm.

Hostess: Alice Lenker

Program: Porcelain

Roll Call: Bring a favorite item of porcelain to share.



3-1: Founder's Award Paper Due.

Topic: "Steamboats of the Chesapeake Bay"

Mail to: Founders Award Entry, c/o
Second Vice President, The Questers
210 South Quince Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

3-24 State Board Meeting

Annual Chapter Reports Due

Mail to: Lee Hamill, President
3634 Honey Hill Dr. SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

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April 10, 2012 at 1:00 pm.

Hostess: Jo Maettke

Program: Accessories For Dolls

Roll Call: Bring a doll accessory to share.



4-13 Presidents Reception

4-14 State Day in Des Moines, IA

Mail Chapter Dues by 5-1 to:

Amelia Wells, Treasurer

3927 E 61st Blvd.

Davenport, IA 52807

Set a date for spring cleaning the Schaff cabin.

Election of Officers

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May 9th 2012 at 1:00 pm.

Hostess: Bernice Meier

Program: Carnival Glass

Roll Call: Bring an item of carnival glass to share.



Installation of officers.

Tour committee to announce the final plans for the June tour.

May 11-13 International Convention

Marriott Waterfront Hotel

Baltimore, Maryland